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October 10, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State

The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Army
The Secretary of the Navy
The Secretary of the Air Force

The Chairman, National Security Resources Board

SUBJECT:

Appointment of an Intelligence Advisory Committee

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The enclosed memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence (Enclosure A) is submitted herewith for consideration by the designated members of the National Security Council.

The Executive Secretary recommends that Enclosure A be approved subject to the deletion of paragraph 11 of the Appendix thereto. This paragraph would require the Director of Central Intelligence to submit to the National Security Council any recommendation which two or more Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) members believe should be submitted. This is considered an inappropriate channel for reaching the National Security Council by such IAC members. The proper channel for IAC members, which is recognized by the wording of paragraph 12 of the Appendix, is through the heads of their respective departments or agencies who, with the exception of the Atomic Energy Commission, are members of the National Security Council, The Atomic Energy Commission, if it agrees with the recommendation of its Intelligence Director, can of course submit such recommendation to the National Security Council for consideration. Unless the proper channel is used (and paragraph 11 is deleted) there is danger that the National Security Council will receive recommendations by IAC members with which their respective departmental heads do not concur.

For convenience in indicating action on Enclosure A, a return memorandum form, to be completed by each addressee, is attached hereto as Enclosure B.

SIDNEY W. SOUERS Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

A. Memorandum by Director of Central Intelligence, subject as above, dated 19 September 1947. DO NOT REMOVE

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